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Mr. ROGERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Red River Designation  
3 Act of 1993”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the natural, scenic, and recreational quali-  
7 ties of the Red River in Kentucky are unique and ir-  
8 replaceable resources; and

9 (2) the majority of the Red River corridor is  
10 within the Red River National Geologic area, which  
11 contains sedimentary rock formations unique to  
12 Kentucky and the United States, and should there-  
13 fore be preserved for public enjoyment.

14 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF RIVER.**

15 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “( ) (A) RED RIVER, KENTUCKY.—The 19.4-mile  
19 segment of the Red River extending from the Highway  
20 746 Bridge to the School House Branch, to be adminis-  
21 tered by the Secretary of Agriculture in the following  
22 classes:

23 “(i) The 9.1-mile segment known as the ‘Upper  
24 Gorge’ from the Highway 746 Bridge to Swift Camp  
25 Creek, as a wild river. This segment is identified as

1       having the same boundary as the Kentucky Wild  
2       River.

3           “(ii) The 10.3-mile segment known as the  
4       ‘Lower Gorge’ from Swift Camp Creek to the School  
5       House Branch, as a recreational river. The boundary  
6       of this segment is a line that is 300 feet north and  
7       parallel to the north edge of roads 23, 77, and 715,  
8       except for the section between Greasy Branch and  
9       Bell Branch where the boundary is the south edge  
10      of Route 715. On the southern side, the boundary  
11      is a line that is 800 feet, and parallel to the south-  
12      ern edge of the river.

13       ~~“(B)(i) Notwithstanding the 100 acre limitation con-~~  
14 ~~tained in section 6(a), upon receipt from the owner of an~~  
15 ~~offer to sell any lands or interest in lands within the~~  
16 ~~boundaries of any segment designated by this paragraph,~~  
17 ~~the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to acquire such~~  
18 ~~lands or interest in lands.~~

19       ~~“(ii) The Secretary of Agriculture may not acquire~~  
20 ~~by condemnation privately owned land or interest in land~~  
21 ~~within the authorized boundaries of any segment des-~~  
22 ~~ignated by this paragraph unless the Secretary finds that~~  
23 ~~the use of the land has changed substantially after the~~  
24 ~~effective date of a development plan for that segment pre-~~  
25 ~~pared pursuant to section 3(b) of this Act.~~

1       “~~(C)~~ (B) There are authorized to be appropriated  
2 such sums as are necessary to carry out this paragraph.”.

3   **SEC. 4. LIMITATION.**

4       *Nothing in this Act, or in the amendment to the Wild*  
5 *and Scenic Rivers Act made by this Act, shall be construed*  
6 *as authorizing any acquisition of any scenic easement that*  
7 *without the consent of such landowner would affect any reg-*  
8 *ular use of relevant lands that was exercised prior to the*  
9 *acquisition of such easement.*